

# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: Richter et al.

Appln. No.:

Filed: Concurrently herewith

For: HEATING AND AIR  
CONDITIONING PLANT FOR  
MOTOR VEHICLES WITH A  
LONGITUDINALLY ARRANGED  
EVAPORATOR UNIT

Attorney Docket No: 10541-1988

Examiner:

Art Unit:

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicant cites the following references (each listed for the Examiner's convenience on the enclosed Form PTO-1449):

DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME
4,022,599	05/10/1977	Wilson et al.
4,482,009	11/13/1984	Nishimura et al.
4,940,083	07/10/1990	Takenaka et al.
5,839,506	11/24/1998	Honda et al.
5,857,905	01/12/1999	Uemura et al.
5,927,382	07/27/1999	Kokubo
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6,036,594	03/14/2000	Kwon et al.
6,138,749	10/31/2000	Kawai et al.
6,308,770	10/30/2001	Shikata et al.
6,351,961	03/05/2002	Kurokawa et al.

A copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2) is also enclosed. Applicant respectfully solicits the Examiner's consideration of the listed references and entry thereof into the record of this application.

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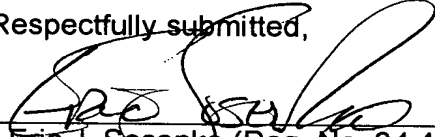
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By submitting this Statement, Applicant is attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

Applicant has calculated no fee to be due in connection with the filing of this Statement. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee deficiency associated with the filing of this Statement to a deposit account, as authorized in the Transmittal accompanying this Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

February 19, 2004  
Date

  
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Enclosures: Form PTO-1449 (one sheet)

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**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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